(4) applications of chemical manures to crops ; and
(5) control of crop pests by suitable measures.

(*b*) In view of answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know how many acres of alkaline and kari soil lands have been reclaimed ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : About five to six thousand acres in South Travancore.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know how many people actually got better strains of paddy and were able to apply chemical manure to their lands ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : With regard to the selection of better strains of paddy, I may say that a very large number of cultivators are using these improved strains in the paddy lands of South Travancore.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know the acreage ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : There are over two thousand acres where these seeds are now used.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know who are using them ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : It is not possible to give the names of the people who use them. The acreage is about two to three thousand.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know how far the waste materials in the tank beds and other composite manures are used by the ryots ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : With regard to this, I may state that artificial manure to the value of about a lakh of rupees is being purchased by the Travancore ryots every year. Compost making is being carried on in almost every household.

Transfers in the Anchal Department.

35. ***Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla :** Will the Government be pleased to give a list of the names of those in the superior service of the Anchal Department who were transferred more than three times in 1114 and to state how many among those were given travelling allowance ?

Mr. V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai (*Secretary to Government*) : Only one person, namely, J. Yohannan, clerk, Adoor, was transferred more than three times in 1114.

He was not given travelling allowance.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know why he was not given travelling allowance?

Mr. V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai: Transfers were due more to his faults.

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Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkūlam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : May I know why this officer was alone transferred by the Department?

Mr. V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai : His transfers were in public interests.

Collection of land tax.

36 ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table in a tabular form a list of taluks with the following particulars:

(*a*) the total annual land tax to be collected;

(*b*) the arrears of land tax accumulated at the end of 1113;

(*c*) the amount of arrears collected at the end of 1114; and

(*d*) the amount of current tax collected in 1114?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

A statement* containing the required information is laid on the table.

Appointments in the Anchal Department.

37 ***Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla** : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in the matter of promotion and confirmation, Intermediates were preferred to School Finals;

(*b*) whether that system is still continued; and

(*c*) whether juniors in service were appointed when seniors in service were waiting for confirmation in service?

Mr. V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of answer to part (a)

(*c*) No.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): May I know whether Government recognise that School Finals are better qualified than unqualified men in the matter of appointments ?

Mr. V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai : They are.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know the reason why no distinction is made in the matter of promotion and confirmation between Intermediates and School Finals?

Mr. V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai : The distinction is made only in the case of first appointments.

Sugar from cocoanut jaggery.

38 ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have finished their investigation into the possibility of making sugar from cocoanut jaggery;

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